

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(2)

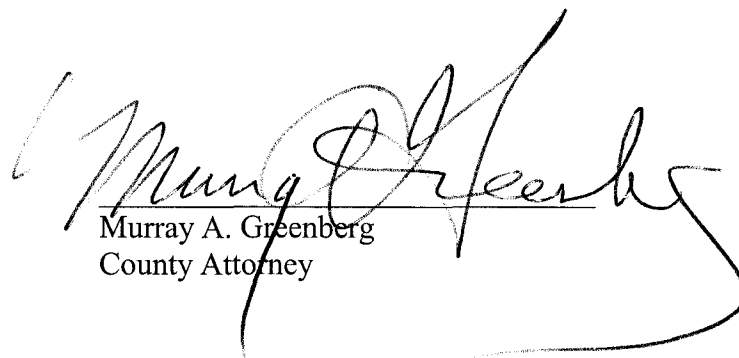
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 7, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
Homeland Security to grant
temporary protected status
to undocumented Haitian
Nationals

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☒ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☒ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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02-07-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. SECRETARY OF
HOMELAND SECURITY TO GRANT TEMPORARY
PROTECTED STATUS TO UNDOCUMENTED HAITIAN
NATIONALS LIVING IN THE U.S. AND URGING THE
U.S. CONGRESS TO SUPPORT SUCH EFFORT

WHEREAS, the citizens of Haiti are currently witnessing the collapse of their country's nascent democracy as political violence and human rights abuses escalate; and

WHEREAS, the existing and ongoing armed conflict in Haiti poses a serious threat to the personal safety of the millions of Haitian nationals presently in Haiti, as well as those returning to Haiti from abroad; and

WHEREAS, Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act authorizes the grant of Temporary Protected Status to nationals of a country where there is an ongoing armed conflict so that requiring the nationals to return to their country would pose a serious threat to their personal safety; and

WHEREAS, the United States has granted Temporary Protected Status to the nationals of several other countries under similar circumstances over the last decade, including Burundi, Liberia, and Haiti itself in 1998; and

WHEREAS, current conditions in Haiti are extremely dangerous and deteriorating, so that requiring Haitian nationals to return to their country would pose a serious threat to their personal safety; and

WHEREAS, permitting Haitian nationals to remain temporarily in the United States is in the national interest of our country as the world's leading democracy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security to grant Temporary Protected Status to undocumented Haitian nationals living in the U.S.

Section 2. Urges the U.S. Congress to support the granting of Temporary Protected Status to undocumented Haitian nationals living in the U.S.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of February, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty